OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: BOYD

SUBJECT: DUKE ENERGY SUPPORT LETTER FOR NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY

DATE: 1/10/2002

CC: RENICK, KINNEY

Brian Fahrenthold, Duke Energy, is seeking a support letter for Duke Energy's application to the FERC for the construction of a natural gas storage facility in Copiah County. His suggested letter is attached. He noted that this will be a \$80-100 million dollar investment in Copiah County. He also noted that they are working on a Greene County storage facility as well.

We should remain cautious of blanket support letters, however, this project and letter appear to be in the best interest of the Copiah County.